

# Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

# 2026

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### State of Houston's Global Economy - May 7

Explore Houston's global trade outlook with fresh 2026 data, export strategy insights, and perspectives from regional business and port leaders.

Featuring:

**Colin Baker**, Economic Research, Greater Houston Partnership

**Danielle Caltabiano**, Senior International Trade Specialist, U.S. Commercial Service - Houston

**Rina Lawrence**, Director, Economic Development & FTZ, Port Houston

**Michael Short**, Partner, Houston Bain & Company

### Resilience Forward - May 20

A new event bringing cross-sector leaders together to showcase the strategies and partnerships positioning Houston as the world's most resilient coastal city.

Featuring:

**Jose Espinel**, Regional Senior Vice President, Comcast

**Mike Huynh**, Regional Director, South Texas, FirstNet and Public Sector Mobility - AT&T

**Sean Meredith**, Vice President, Project Delivery, Entergy Texas

**Armando Perez**, Executive Vice President, HEB Houston

**Jason Wells**, CEO, CenterPoint Energy

## FORUMS

Complimentary gatherings on the first Tuesday of each month featuring commentary on timely happenings in Houston.

- World Cup - **May 5**
- Aerospace - **June 2**
- Advanced Manufacturing - **July 7**

## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMING

### Membership 101 - May 5

Hosted once a quarter, this information series is designed for new members, past members, and prospective members to explore engagement opportunities, learn more about the Partnership's strategic work, and build connections with Partnership staff and community.

### Opportunity at Work - May 14

This session explores how durable skills like communication, problem-solving, and adaptability prepare talent and help employers build resilient, future-ready workforces.

### Regions featuring the Woodlands - May 28

This event spotlights The Woodlands, exploring how corporate relocations, real estate investment, and mixed-use development are driving regional growth.

Featuring:

**Jim Carman**, President, Texas Region, Howard Hughes

**Aaron Cox**, President & CEO, The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce

**Jevon Gibb**, CEO, The Woodlands Area Economic Development Partnership

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

### Houston Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE)

Professional development and networking for emerging business leaders.

- **May 21**
- **June 3**

### Women on the Rise

Celebrating high-potential women interested in networking and idea-sharing with like-minded women.

- **May 13**

## PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS

### Future of Texas

This series features thought leaders and elected officials who are shaping Texas' future. Hear from, and engage with, our local, state, and federal leaders as they share their focus and goals on our state's most pressing issues.

- **May**

## FUNDRAISERS



**August 29**

A celebration of brilliance, ambition, and the culture that lights our city. Soirée is the Partnership's premier gala and largest fundraiser of the year.

## SAVE THE DATE

the future of  
**GLOBAL ENERGY**

More Energy. Less Emissions

### October 14

Bringing together top voices from across the energy ecosystem to explore the forces, technologies, and investments shaping the future of energy.



### November 19

This event convenes business, education, and civic leaders to explore actionable strategies strengthening workforce across work, workforce, and workplace culture.



**Houston Energy Leadership Cohort**

Applications now open to join the **fall 2026 Houston Energy Leadership Cohort**, a 10-week program for mid-career energy professionals to build leadership skills and navigate the energy industry.

Learn more at [Houston.org/EnergyLeadership](https://Houston.org/EnergyLeadership)

All events and dates are subject to change.

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